

ON ANN ARBOR TRACK

**Benton Harbor Boys
Doing Proud.**

**Bastar Wins Semi-Final
100 Yard Dash.**

**Plummer and O'Hara
Qualify.**

By Telegraph to Evening News.

Ann Arbor, May 26.—Michigan high school athletic teams know that the Benton Harbor boys are here.

Clair Bastar has won the semi-final 100 yard dash and was second in the semi-final 220 yard dash. He qualified in the high jump at 5 feet, 2 inches.

Capt. Plummer qualified in the ball punt and shot put.

Barratt O'Hara, arrived at noon, and is entered for the one mile run. His strong suit is a half mile run, but he arrived too late for that event. Riding all night to get here, he is not expected to crowd the winner very hard. The other two boys are in their class and are expected to win laurels for themselves and their high school this afternoon.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR.

Asks Business Places to Close Memorial Day.

Mayor Foeltzer has issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, The thirtieth day of May has been set apart as a day on which to commemorate the deeds and achievements of, and to pay a heartfelt tribute to the deceased soldiers of our land who so freely went forth at their country's call, I respectfully request that every citizen of Benton Harbor observe the day in the usual manner, and in order that we may the better show our genuine appreciation of their heroic deeds and perpetuate them in memory, I further request that every store, office, or other place of business within said city be closed between the hours of 1 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on that day.

Dated, Mayor's office, May 26, 1900.
H. A. FOELTZER,
Mayor of the City of Benton Harbor.

ST. JOSEPH.

William Ricaby, the jeweler has made an assignment and A. L. Church and Guy Hollis are now taking an inventory of the stock.

Willis Stephens arrived home this morning from Chicago where he has been attending school.

William Genett an old resident of St. Joseph died at his home, 106 Court street this morning. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been made.

Tortured a Witness.

Intense suffering was endured by witness T. L. Martin, of Dixie, Ky., before he gave this evidence: "I coughed every night until my throat was nearly raw; then tried Dr. King's New Discovery which gave instant relief. I have used it in my family for four years and recommend it as the greatest remedy for Coughs, Colds and all Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. It will stop the worst cough and not only prevents but absolutely cures Consumption. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles at Lowe & Witherspoon's Drug Store.

Dr. S. M. White, dentist.

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You will find the largest stock of second-hand Bicycles in either city. 21 to start the spring trade with. Terms, one-third down, balance in weekly payments.

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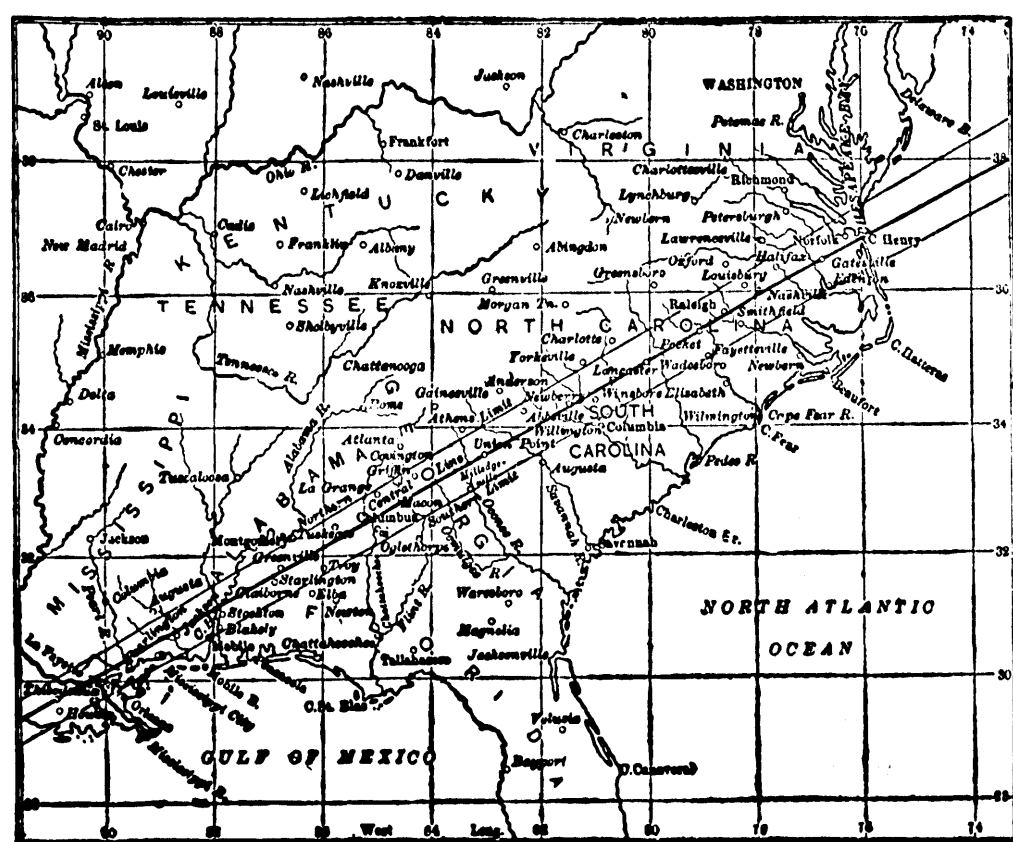
99 unredeemed watches of all kinds less than one-third first cost. 7 good sewing machines from \$5 to \$15 each, 1 good up-to-date Estey organ for sale at \$25.

I will buy all the good second-hand breech-loading shot guns that I can get, no muzzle loaders wanted, and remember that I buy raw furs until the first of June.

Cash Paid for Old Gold and Silver. Men's good second-hand clothing wanted. I don't buy any old trash. Good second-hand books wanted. I don't handle school books. Licensed to loan money on all kinds of personal property. Dealer in everything that shows. Inspection invited by

CHAS. A. JACKSON.
TELEPHONE NO. 225

PATH OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE OF MAY 28.



On May 28 there will be a total eclipse of the sun visible in many parts of the United States. The path, instead of being confined to the sparsely settled regions of the world, as it so often is, will cross the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, and will even touch Virginia. The track of totality begins on the Pacific ocean just west of Mexico, enters the United States near New Orleans, and passes in a northeasterly direction until it reaches the sea at Norfolk and Cape Henry. Its path then crosses the Atlantic ocean and touches Portugal, Algiers and North Africa, and will terminate near the northern end of the Red sea.

GOOD WAR RECORD

**Class of 1900 Fought Spain and
Among Themselves.**

Who was graduated president of the class of 1900 of the Benton Harbor high school last evening? Was it Maurice Sietz or was it Will Godfrey? Last evening's programs contained Godfrey's name as president, yet Sietz was given the chair of honor usually given the highest class officer. At the alumni banquet Sietz was loudly toasted as the president and the class orator could not say enough in President Sietz's favor. Who was president? The public is puzzled.

The late seniors guard their closet skeleton closely and will say nothing. The brand new seniors, this year's juniors, seem to be Sietz's supporters, but why no one knows apparently.

As the diplomas were being presented last evening the juniors shouted: "Good-bye, Willie; good-bye, all. We are the bosses of the assembly room now."

It is whispered there was a world of meaning in this yell. And the public wants to know the secret.

The class has enjoyed the services of four presidents during the year. While this is not a happy record the class is not ashamed of its fighting record. When the war broke out with Spain the class, then juniors, contained 12 boys and of these eight went to the front. It is believed that no other high school or college class anywhere can show as good a war record.

The class of '00 introduced a reform that the business men of the city will always appreciate. In former years the commencement programs have been disgraced and lumbered up with advertisements of business houses to the amount of \$40 out of pocket to the merchants. This fund was used to defray the graduating incidentals. This year the class gave an entertainment, a lecture by Eli Perkins, and cleared enough to pay the graduating expenses without resorting to the program business. Other classes will follow the example.

FOR CEMENT WALKS.

City Council Will Induce Property Owners to Build Them.

The sidewalk problem for the city of Benton Harbor has puzzled Street Commissioner Shankland for a long time and he has investigated the methods employed by other cities that are up-to-date and finds that when a new walk is required it is put down of cement and the city pays for it. The property owner pays the actual cost to the city. If they care to pay for it when the work is completed they can do so, if not they can pay for it in annual installments when they pay their taxes.

In this manner the city is saved the liability of damage suits, the property owner has a walk that will last without repairs for 20 years and the first expense is only little more than an ordinary plank walk would be which would have to be repaired after the first year.

It is thought at the next meeting of the city council this matter will be taken up and something done with it.

Zula Has Returned.

Zula, the gypsy palmist and clairvoyant who was located in St. Joseph last fall, has returned to Benton Harbor and is located at Henry Noe's, corner Colfax and Oak streets, for a few days. Don't fail to see her if you are sick or in trouble, and she will guide you with a certainty higher than human power. She locates buried money, lost or stolen articles, reunites the separated, and teaches the power to control a secret you should know. Hours 9 to 9 6:199

A Friday and Saturday Special.

Chadwick & Rehm, the fashionable milliners, will hold a special sale on trimmed hats Friday and Saturday. They have a beautiful display and the ladies are cordially invited to call. 31201

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Generally fair tonight and Sunday.

90 ACRE ONION PATCH.

Three Oaks Has Wonders Besides Dewey Cannon.

Three Oaks Acorn: William Mell, who owns a tract of land in the Chamberlain Meadows on the east line of this township, has sown this spring 90 acres of onions. He has used 60 tons of commercial fertilizers on the tract this year. He has in his employ about thirty men who have sown and are now weeding the onions. He expects to raise 45,000 to 50,000 bushels if the season is favorable. Last year his crop was 28,000 bushels. The wet weather in the fore part of the season, while favorable to the growth of the onions, was equally so to the growth of the weeds. The unusual amount of labor to keep the weeds down and the low price of onions did not give a large income over expense last year.

Mr. Mell also has an interest in and has control of 160 acres just east of the first mentioned tract, in the township of Galien. On this tract he plants and sows this year cabbage, corn and oats. Mr. Mell was the first one to raise cabbage in large quantities on the Chamberlain Meadows. He commenced in a small way and increased his acreage for some years until he had planted 200 acres in one season. Since the "club root" became troublesome, he has done less in cabbages and more in onions.

CIRCUIT COURT.

William Murphy, a resident of Buchanan, by his attorney George H. Bachelor, has commenced a \$5,000 damage suit against the village. Mr. Murphy claims that he fell on a defective sidewalk and sustained serious injuries. It is understood that the defense of the village will be that the sidewalk was not defective but that Murphy was intoxicated when he fell.

The case of Lamberts vs Mills was not finished in the court yesterday and it is thought that it will take at least two days more as Attorney Bridgman, representing Mr. Mills, will ask the jury to visit Benton Harbor and inspect the stone which Mr. Mills refuses to pay for because it was not of the quality that the contract called for.

The court will not be in session again until next Thursday morning.

BOARD OF TRADE AND POLITICS.

Benton Harbor is for Factories First, Banquets Second.

It was the intention of the Berrien county republican league to give a banquet June 13. They secured for the occasion the Courtright factory building. Now it has been decided to postpone the banquet. This change was made necessary from the fact that the board of trade has closed the deal with the radiator and boiler manufacturers to locate their factory in the Courtright building and the work of fitting up the factory will commence at once. There is not another building in the city that would be large enough.

Against the Negro.

Richmond, Va., May 26.—Enough returns have been received from Thursday's election to show that the state has gone for a revision of the constitution by from 10,000 to 15,000. After the returns are inspected the governor may call an extra session of the legislature to provide for a convention. Almost the entire object of revision is the disfranchisement of the negro, and almost all the counties having a negro majority went against it. The vote cast was the lightest in years.

Old Settler Dead.

Sioux City, Ia., May 26.—Sioux City's first white settler, Joseph Leonals, a French-Canadian, died Friday, aged 81. He came to this section in 1852.

MELT 20 TONS IRON DAILY

**Factory That Was Se-
cured Last Evening.**

**Will Be in Operation by
July 10.**

**Good Firm for Court-
right Factory.**

While Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus was delighting a large audience at Bell's opera house last evening with his eloquence a score of men were at the board of trade rooms wrestling with a factory proposition. While the orator at Bell's was portraying the power of Puritan eloquence the men at the board of trade demonstrated the power of a small bonus to bring to Benton Harbor an industry which will give employment to 100 iron workers.

Morton E. Converse, representing a company who will engage in the manufacture of house heating boilers, registers and radiators, and that class of goods, was at the meeting. He accepted the proposition laid down by the board of trade to locate his factory here and receive \$15 per year for every man employed for five years, or in all \$75 per man. Mr. Converse had the documents to show that another Michigan city had offered him \$100 per man but he decided on Benton Harbor on account of the superior advantages of this city. He will open the Courtright factory.

The new factory will be in operation in 15 days, or about July 10 and as soon as started will give employment to 100 men. The foundry will melt up twenty tons of iron per day.

The plan of raising this bonus is to secure 100 notes of \$75 each to be paid \$15 per year for the five years. In case that the factory does not continue in business nothing will be paid.

The following committee was appointed by President Miller to solicit notes: F. F. Pratt, S. A. Bailey, P. W. Hall, C. J. Peck, Dr. John Bell, E. Brammell and A. J. Kidd.

Attorney Ellsworth was instructed to draw up the contract and the same will be executed upon the return of Mr. Converse next Tuesday.

F. R. Hale, traffic manager of the Three I, was at the meeting but was called away before he had time to present the wants of his road.

HAS CROSSED THE VAAL.

**Lord Roberts Has Crossed the River
Without Opposition.**

By Telegraph to Evening News.

London, May 26.—It is officially announced that the force of Lord Roberts has crossed the Vaal river.

Shoes Shined Free.

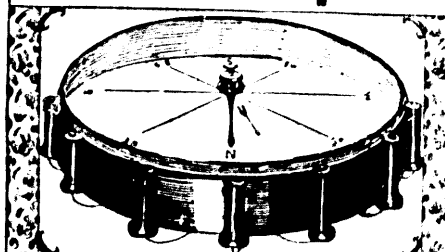
Kidd & Woods, the shoemen, have engaged the services of Robert Busby, the shine artist and will open a shine department in their shoe store and their customers will have their shoes shined free of cost. The innovation is bound to be popular.

Lumber Office Open Evenings.

On account of a rush of business I will keep my lumber office open from 6:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. to accommodate those from a distance and myself.

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The Old Reliable Jewelry Store of

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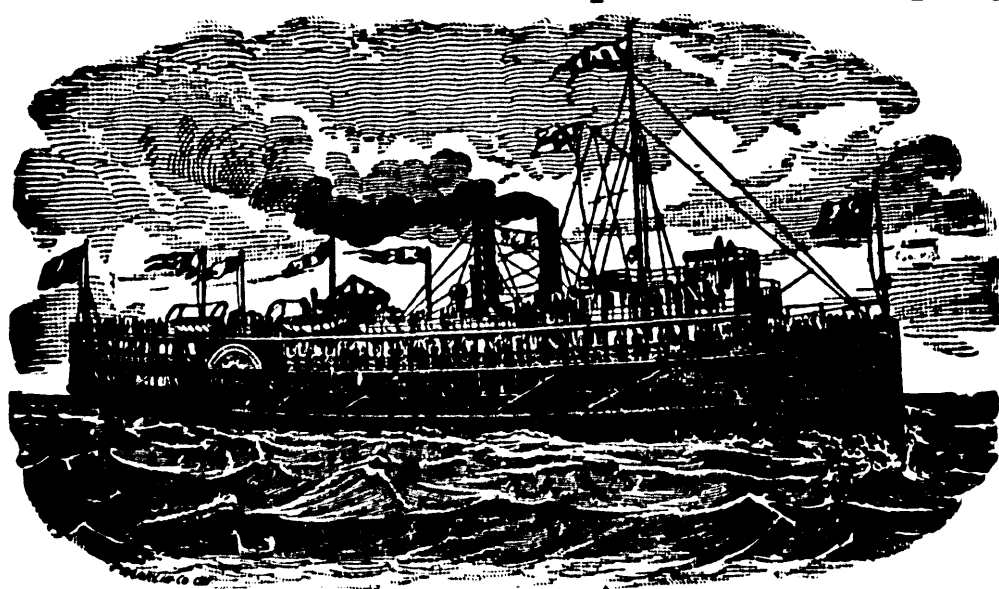
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ton block to the post office block on
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been in the jewelry business in Benton Harbor for 30 years, which
tells its own story. Mr. Alger is a graduate of Hutchinson's Horo-
logical college, the finest watch school in the country, and has been
actively engaged in the jewelry business for years. With two
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Leave Chicago 9:30 a. m. daily. 11:30 p. m. daily. 10 a. m. Sundays only. 2 p. m. Saturday only.	Arrive St. Joseph: 1:30 p. m. daily. 4 a. m. daily. 2 p. m. Sundays only. 7 p. m. Saturday only.	Ar. Benton Harbor: 2:30 p. m. daily. 6 a. m. daily. 8 p. m. Saturday only.

The right is reserved to change this schedule without notice.

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LAW FOR LABOR.

Legislation Recommended by the
Industrial Commission.

SYNOPSIS OF REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Propositions on the Eight-Hour Day,
the Employment of Children
in Factories and Other Im-
portant Topics.

Washington, May 26.—The industrial
commission, in its report to congress
on labor legislation, recommends im-
proved legislation to the state legisla-
tures rather than to congress di-
rectly.

"The subject of greatest public interest
to-day," says the report, "is perhaps that
of the regulation of the hours of labor per-
mitted in industrial occupations and es-
pecially in factories."

As congress has no power to legis-
late directly in this matter the com-
mittee recommends that a simple
statute be enacted by all the states
regulating the length of the working
day for all persons between the ages
of 14 and 21 years who work in fac-
tories.

The report in brief says:

"The employment of children below the
age of 14 should be prohibited in factories.
The length of the working day in all pub-
lic employment should be fixed at eight
hours. The same time should be fixed for
workmen in underground mines except in
cases of emergency. Employment in mines
of children less than 14 years of age, and
all women and girls should be forbidden.
Congress might well enact that no person
under 18 should be employed as a telegraph
operator upon railroads, and that all en-
gineers and switchmen should submit to
an examination for color blindness, also
that it be made a misdemeanor for an en-
gineer or switchman to be intoxicated
while on duty. A simple and liberal law
regulating the payment of labor should be
adopted by all the states, providing that
all laborers shall be paid in cash orders
without discount, not in goods or due bills,
and that no compulsion, direct or indirect,
should be used to make them purchase
goods at any particular store."

Question of Injunction.

"The question of the enforcement of the
labor contract by injunction or contempt
in equity process is a very difficult one,
mainly made so by the abuses which have
arisen from injunctions carelessly issued.
It is suggested that it might be well to limit
punishment for contempt to imprisonment
for a brief period, but equity courts must
not be deprived of the power to protect
themselves and to make their decrees re-
spected. The practice of awarding blanket
injunctions against all the world, or against
unnamed defendants, as well as the prac-
tice of indirectly enforcing the contract for
personal service by enjoining employes
from quitting work, should be discouraged
not only by popular sentiment, but by in-
telligent judicial opinion."

Railway Labor.

On the subject of railway labor, the com-
mission is of opinion that congress should
adopt a consistent code of law regulating
all matters concerning employment, such
as hours of labor, limitation of continuous
runs by engineers or continuous service by
telegraph operators or switchmen; the en-
actment of a consistent employers' liability
code; the liability of the employer or
corporation for defective appliances, etc.
The statutes already adopted in the sev-
eral states, discriminating as between un-
ion and non-union labor by making it a
penal offense for an employer to exclude
union labor only, seem to the commission
to be unconstitutional, being class legis-
lation. The statute should apply to non-
union as well as union labor alike, if it is
to be enacted at all. The right to be em-
ployed and protected without belonging
to a union should be preserved; but every
facility should be given labor to organize
if it desires, and the last vestige of the
notion that trade unions are a criminal
conspiracy should be swept away. The
use of private police detectives or other
hired bodies of men to be used in connec-
tion with labor troubles has aroused con-
siderable attention, and congress probably
has the power to enact reasonable legis-
lation to prevent abuses in this direction.

Conciliation Laws.

In a general way the commission reports
that conciliation laws have been found
effective, and that arbitration in in-
dustry fairly works well. It is recom-
mended that labor bureaus or commissions
be established in all the states.

Minority Report.

Commissioners E. A. Smyth and C. J.
Harris unite in a minority report, in which
they express the opinion that it would be
both unjust and impracticable to attempt
any uniform laws regulating labor in all
the states, if labor and capital are to have
their full development. They say the right
of private contract should be left to both
laborer and employer, and therefore the
limitation of hours of labor would be
fraught with danger.

Commissioner John W. Daniel in a sepa-
rate report concurs in the spirit of the
views expressed by Commissioners Smyth
and Harris.

Senate.

Washington, May 26.—Discussion
of the Spooner Philippine bill
was continued by Senator Mor-
gan (Ala.). On the general ques-
tion of the ownership and govern-
ment by the United States of the
Philippine islands he was in accord
with Senators Spooner and Lodge, but
he regarded the pending bill as un-
wise and dangerous legislation be-
cause of the great power it placed in
the hands of the president. He was
satisfied, however, that the measure
would not be passed by this congress
and declared that it was being used
as a foil to thrust aside the Nicaragua
canal bill. Much of his speech was
devoted to the canal bill and to de-
nunciation of the efforts to prevent
its enactment at this session.

House.

Washington, May 26.—The house
devoted two hours Friday to consid-
eration of the Alaskan civil government
bill without completing it. The ses-
sion from noon until adjournment was
devoted under the rule to private
pension bills. Mr. Talbert (S. C.),
who abandoned obstructive tactics a
few weeks ago, was again in evidence
Friday. After 190 bills had been fa-
vorably acted upon by the committee
of the whole Mr. Talbert blocked their
passage in the house with the point
of no quorum. Among the bills fa-
vorably acted upon were the senate
bills to pension the widow of the late
Capt. Gridley, who commanded the
Olympia in the battle of Manila, to
\$50 per month; the widow of the
late Commodore R. W. Meade at \$40
per month and the widow of the late
Gen. M. F. Force, of Ohio, at \$50 per
month. The latter case is a very pa-
thetic one. Gen. Force was the re-

Ohio in 1876, when Allen was killed.
Subsequently he was minister to
France. Since his death Mrs. Force
has fallen into destitute circum-
stances and is now engaged in truck
farming near Cincinnati.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Dun & Co. Give Some Interesting
Statistics—Situation in
Trade Circles.

New York, May 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s
weekly review of trade says: "Transition
to a more natural range of prices after a
time of extraordinary buying, speculation
and rise is not wholly delightful, how-
ever needful it may be to business health.
But the gradual change this year, though
wearing, has given opportunity in various
branches to avoid losses. It is nearly six
months since the highest prices of pig
iron were reached, November 23, and of
wool, December 1, while hides reached
their maximum December 13, leather and
iron products January 10, boots and shoes
January 24, woollens February 21 and cot-
ton and cotton goods March 21. The tables
given by this paper have shown that the
highest point for all prices was March 16,
and after two months of slow decline the
range for all prices was but 4.5 per cent.
lower May 16. But the past week has
added its full share, a fall of 4 1/2 per cent.
in cotton, 3 per cent. in pig iron, 1.5 per
cent. in iron products, 2 per cent. in hides,
2 1/4 in boots and shoes and 3 1/2 in leather, 3%
on petroleum, and a little in many other
products."

"The decline in cotton was rendered sen-
sational by the failure of the firm which
had most strongly resisted it, and for some
months had led the campaign for high
prices in the belief that stocks for the rest
of this year would scarcely meet demands
with the next crop in doubt. The course of
the market for some months to come can-
not well be predicted, as provision for the
future has been made by spinners on both
sides of the ocean."

"Prices of finished products of iron and
steel have declined more than 10 per cent.
within two months, without any reduction
in rails, structural shapes or in sheets.
Doubt about sufficient supplies of steel
making iron for coming months seems the
one impediment to renewal of activity."

"Payments through clearing houses
south of the Potomac and west of the Al-
leghenies have at almost every point been
greater than a year ago and the shrinkage
at New York and eastern cities is largely
because heavy financial operations con-
nected with the creation of new corpora-
tions are not being repeated."

"Failures for the week have been 155 in
the United States, against 142 last year, and
20 in Canada, against 16 last year."

Bradstreet's says: "Trade is, if any-
thing, quieter, and prices are lower than a
week ago, while efforts toward a readjust-
ment of productive capacity to present con-
ditions are noted in several lines of indus-
try, notably iron and steel and lumber.
Crop reports are, as a whole, good, except
for wheat. As regards the latter, it may
be said that in the northwest some much
needed rains have fallen, but the claim is
made that more moisture is needed. Win-
ter wheat prospects in the southwest re-
main good, but foreign inquiry has been
on a reduced scale. Practically the entire
corn crop has been planted under favorable
conditions and reports from the east crop
are likewise good, but a slight shading of
quotations, due to backward export busi-
ness, is to be reported for these cereals.
Hog products are also lower, and the same
is true of cheese, petroleum, hides and
leather, copper and a number of iron and
steel products."

ENTER A PROTEST.

Japan and China Object to Inocu-
lation of Their Subjects in
San Francisco.

Washington, May 26.—Through its
charge here, Mr. Keiziro Nabeshima,
the Japanese government has joined the
Chinese government in a strong
protest against the compulsory in-
oculation of Japanese and Chinese in
San Francisco with anti-plague serum.
The Japanese protest is much more
energetic and forcible in terms than
that lodged by the Chinese govern-
ment, and conveys a very plain intima-
tion that, while there could be no
objection to a general inoculation if
such was regarded as necessary to
prevent the extension of the plague,
it cannot be contemplated that any
discrimination should be practiced
against the Japanese and Chinese;
the rule must be general and include
Caucasians as well as yellow men. Un-
like the Chinese, the Japanese have a
measure of protection afforded by
their most recent treaty with the
United States, which on its face might
seem to warrant their protest against
any discriminatory treatment. The
communications have been referred
to the surgeon general of the mar-
ine hospital service, with directions
to report the facts at once. It is un-
derstood that he has telegraphed to
the officer of his service in charge of
the work of stamping out the plague
in San Francisco, and it is presumed
that the net result will be an abate-
ment of the rigors of the quarantine
measures now being enforced there.

THE MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Final Adjournment Is Reached at Des
Moines—Some of the Resolu-
tions Adopted.

Des Moines, Ia., May 26.—The Na-
tional Mothers' congress adjourned
Friday evening to meet next year at
some point to be determined by the
board of managers, probably Milwa-
ukee, Wis., or Buffalo, N. Y. The dele-
gates say it has been the most suc-
cessful meeting in the history of the
organization. Resolutions were
adopted Friday morning endorsing the
movement for the establishment of
kindergartens for the colored people,
declaring for a broader education for
the deaf, dumb and blind children of
the nation, demanding better laws for
the protection of neglected, dependent
children, and denouncing the charac-
ter of much of the advertising matter
which appears in newspapers.

Methodists on Amusements.

Chicago, May 26.—The Methodist
general conference committee favors
rescinding of the penalty clause in the
paragraph censuring dancing, card
playing and theater going. This
would put into the form of advice
what is now a rule. Report will be
debated to-day.

Refused Its Support.

Atlanta, Ga., May 26.—The general
assembly of the Presbyterian church
Friday declined to give its support to
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ELOQUENCE OF PURITANISM

Dr. Gunsaulus' Address to High School Class.

Puritanism Will Speak With Eloquence in next Century.

Nearly a thousand people attended the high school commencement exercises at the Bell last evening. Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus of Chicago delivered the address on the "Later Eloquence of Puritanism." Possessed himself of this later eloquence he spoke of the achievements of puritanism in the past and claimed as its crowning glory the great emancipation proclamation of Lincoln. He inspired the graduates with the thought that in their day there would come forth from this same fount of eloquence another proclamation which would define definitely and eternally the rights of labor and of capital. For an hour and 10 minutes he spoke and all were sorry when the address was finished.

The commencement exercises opened with a piano solo by Prof. Fred Null, followed by prayer offered by Rev. E. A. Hoffman. Charles Duffy played a violin solo and then Victor M. Gore, president of the board of education, introduced the orator. Mr. Gore stated that Mr. Gunsaulus had devoted his life to the cause of education and that the audience would be pleased with his eloquence. And they were.

After the oration Superintendent Wilson presented the diplomas. He called the attention of the class to the fact that nothing was being done so well but what it could be improved and consequently they had a large field before them. For years women have been crowding men in the business world but the tendency of late is toward restoring men to their old places. The reason, the professor assigned for this, was that the boys dropped out of school too soon and the girls were better qualified for positions. The result is that the young men are learning the necessity of proper equipment and he was glad to notice that in the class being graduated there were 8 boys and 9 girls.

Following the presentation of the diplomas the juniors, who suddenly became seniors, introduced their colors in a novel way. Like Indians swooping down on a defenseless settlement they gave their yell and then there appeared a little wagon trimmed in the yellow and the white, colors so dear to the juniors, which was drawn slowly across the stage. In the wagon was little Helen Collins, which was drawn by little Clifford Stone.

The exercises closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. E. A. Hoffman.

Mr. Gunsaulus introduced himself by speaking of the achievements of Puritanism and at once caught the audience with the statement that Michigan stood for the larger Puritanism.

It was the eloquence of Puritanism to which he riveted attention. By Puritanism he did not mean the force of life in 1610, 1620 or 1640, indicated by a certain shape of hat or a nasal twang, that urged out all the beauty and the sunshine. That was the affectation of Puritanism, its shadow. Real Puritanism is a faith in God which stands when all else is falling to pieces. It is faith in the doctrine that any government built on equality of all mankind cannot fail. It drives out wrong and builds on the wreck a kingdom of righteousness. Puritanism stands in the presence of political corruption and will make the parties forget their petty disputes and lift the flag in the glorious sunlight of the glory of God. Puritanism has always had a marvelous power to crystallize itself into practical results.

It was the eloquence of Puritanism which inspired the noblest state papers of history. He recalled them all from the compact of Wedmore, including the Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, and that great paper which surpassed and added to them all, the Emancipation Proclamation.

"The eloquence of Puritanism has not ceased to sound its music in the soul of man. Before the members of this class have grown gray haired this same eloquence will bring forth a paper that will definitely define the rights of capital and labor."

In eloquent language he pictured the departure of the glory of Daniel Webster, the most wonderfully endowed of all statesmen. When he made his speech in Faneuil hall declaring he was a whig and asking where he would go if the whig party went to pieces before the abolition movement, someone

answered that no one cared where he went. Whittier had written across the forehead of this great man, "Ichabod," thy glory hath departed.

He followed with the story of the rise of Wendell Phillips, the embodiment of the later eloquence of Puritanism. Mr. Gunsaulus was a personal friend of Phillips and as he spoke of the power of that orator who served so nobly for the right amid mob and opposition of the bitterest kind his words were filled with the fire of a strange inspiration. Wendell Phillips seemed to be still speaking through him.

He asked the class to remember that though the battle in which Phillips warred was over and the victory secure that there were other battles to fight and he hoped that God would fill them with a Puritan eloquence worthy the memory of Wendell Phillips.

BEET SUGAR BOUNTY.

Refusal to Pay Bounty Will Be Morally Wrong.

Editorial in Grand Rapids Press: Some of the results of hasty and ill-considered legislation are now beginning to be seen in connection with the beet sugar bounty law. No matter what the decision of the courts may finally be the result will entail disagreeable consequences. If the law is upheld, the taxpayers of the state will be burdened by obligations which will eventually aggregate millions and are in fact well along toward the million mark already. On the other hand, if the law is held to be void, men who have invested large sums in beet sugar factories on the strength of it will have good grounds for complaint against the good faith of the state.

Had this litigation come before investments had been made on the strength of the law, there would have been but one side to it. The policy of building up industries by means of bounties is a questionable one under any circumstances. An instance of its evils is afforded by the experience of European nations with this same article of beet sugar. At great expense to the taxpayers they have built up an immense industry employing thousands of people and millions of capital which is now dependent on taxation and it is found necessary to even increase the rate of taxation to prevent its collapse. The passage of the law, however, and the large investment of capital in consequence of it impose a moral obligation on the state of Michigan to pay the bounty to those factories at least which now exist and while a decision of the courts to the effect that the law is unconstitutional will release the officials from legal obligation the failure to pay the bounty will still be morally wrong.

There is abundant evidence, however, that the voiding of the law will not completely destroy the value of the factories as investments. The claim that beet sugar can be produced in Michigan in competition with cane sugar has been demonstrated under present conditions, and there is the best of reasons for believing that even with the development of the cane sugar industry which will follow the establishment of a stable government in Cuba, they will still be able to hold their own. It is quite possible, however, that for the present there are factories enough in this state, and the voiding of the law, so far as it tends to lessen the number of new enterprises, is far from deplorable. The present factories should be able to maintain themselves without a bounty, but were the number to be doubled domestic competition might accomplish what cane sugar competition cannot.

Dowagiac Smiles, Too.

Dowagiac, May 26.—The board of review has closed its labors and fixes Dowagiac's valuation at nearly \$1,700,000. This is an increase of about \$450,000 over last year's assessment, practically all of which is personal property.

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. Get a package today from your grocer. 15c and 25c. Be sure it is made by the General Pure Food Co., Le Roy, N. Y., as there are imitations on the market.

MICHIGAN.

Michigan pensions were granted Thursday as follows: Original—Horace B. Stokes, Wolverine, \$8; James McCormick, Empire, \$8; Hamilton S. McMaster, Dowagiac, \$8; John D. Koch, St. Joseph, \$8. Additional—Byron C. Ellis, Soldiers' Home, \$12. Restoration and reissue—Samuel Fisher, dead, Jackson, \$10. Increase—Cornelius Van Deboeger, Holton, \$10; John S. Bowers, Girard, \$8; Thomas W. Wilson, Battle Creek, \$8; George Garner, Carson City, \$12; Samuel F. Edwards, Lowell, \$12; William W. Carmer, Ortonville, \$6. Reissue—Reuben G. Weinberg, Three Rivers, \$15. Widows—Johanna Ballard, Mt. Clemens, \$8; Sarah J. Fisher, Jackson, \$8; Mary A. Morehouse, Fitchburg, \$12; Louise E. Cole, Hartford, \$8.

Coldwater city officials have begun a crusade against those who peddle without a license. Two or three have paid fines and two young fellows badly crippled are in the lock-up in default of paying a fine.

Tax Commissioners Freeman and Campbell held a lively session with the assessors of Grand Rapids and big property owners. The state officials claimed that the local board had deliberately held down the valuations in spite of the provisions of the law relative to cash values. A number of instances were brought to light substantiating the claim of the commission. It is quite probable that the local tax rolls will be invalidated. The corporations will carry the fight into the courts.

Editor E. N. Dingley, of the Kalamazoo Telegraph, will be re-nominated to the state legislature by the republicans of his district without opposition and probably by acclamation. He will be a candidate for speaker of the next house, if republican.

SUTTON WAS MIXED UP.

Many Significant Dates He Could Not Remember.

Lansing, May 26.—In the cross-examination of Eli Sutton, the witness contradicted himself and made many admissions, among which was the statement that his evidence before the grand jury concerning dealings with Messrs. Webster and Stoneman was not strictly true. His mind was not clear regarding significant dates and transactions, and many times he answered the prosecutor's questions with "I don't remember."

He said he told the governor that he had money with which to pay the railway commission's expenses, but when asked to tell when this was, he couldn't say. Sutton admitted he did not tell the grand jury that none of the money he deposited on September 12 was left with him by his brothers, and could not tell when he got the voting machine money. He told the grand jury the \$800 deposited in his wife's account September 12 was a wedding present; yesterday he said it wasn't, that he got that item and another one confused.

Sutton told of receiving an anonymous letter on Christmas day, and that at the time he hadn't the slightest idea who it was from. When asked why he left home and family on a Christmas night to go to Toledo to answer such a summons, Sutton replied: "It was marked important, and I wanted to see what it was about."

Sutton registered at Toledo as "E. R. Wilson." When asked why he did so, he replied that he knew he had got considerable notoriety over the military scandal and that he knew Bickerstaff was mixed up in it; consequently he did not want to register, so the clerk told him to write "any old name," so he wrote his stepfather's name and his brother's address.

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HETTY GREEN'S SUCCESS.

Does Not Believe in Speculation and Works With all Her Mind.

Hetty Green was recently induced to talk to a writer for the June Ladies' Home Journal of her business methods that have won her sixty millions of dollars or more. The secret of her success is worth knowing: "I don't believe in speculation as a rule," she says, "and I don't speculate as much as many think. When offered so many shares of stock at so much I buy one share and then send out to see what it will bring. If it's a good advance I buy the rest. If not, I don't. This was my plan when I used to deal in horses. I would get a day's option on a horse, and see what it would bring before buying it. I attribute my success chiefly to the rule of always buying when everyone wants to sell, and selling when everyone wants to buy. There's a price on everything I have. When that price is offered I sell. I never buy anything just to hold on to it. Not much! And I try to steer clear of Wall street. Anyone who hasn't a whole fortune to back his deals had better do the same. I do everything with all my mind. If there is a lawsuit on hand I go into every detail of it with my lawyer. It's the same with everything else."

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A DAY IN OLD VIRGINIA.

President, Cabinet and Army Officers Take Part in Memorial Services at Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg, Va., May 26.—On the very ground over which the old fifth corps charged at Fredericksburg President McKinley, his cabinet and Gen. Miles on Friday witnessed the laying of the corner stone in a shaft which will perpetuate in bronze and granite the heroism of the army of the Potomac. It was an impressive ceremony and rendered the more so by the fact that among the hundreds who witnessed the event were noted leaders of both the federal and the confederate forces. The monument was the personal gift of Gen. Daniel Butterfield to the National Memorial association. This in itself was a unique feature, as the battlefield monuments heretofore have been mostly the gifts of corporated societies or furnished by popular subscriptions. Gen. Butterfield himself was present and assisted in the ceremony, but owing to ill health the committal of the monument to the secretary of war was made by Col. Hill, one of the veterans of the fifth corps. The ceremony was with due masonic rites and at its completion the secretary of war accepted the gift in the name of the American people.

The visit of the president to Fredericksburg was primarily in honor of the annual reunion of the Army of the Potomac. The town was in gala dress, and turned out en masse to receive its distinguished visitors. The president and his cabinet were welcomed at the courthouse, which was decorated with the national colors and the various corps flags of the Army of the Potomac. Welcoming speeches were made by prominent veterans from both sides of the civil war, and afterward the president held an informal reception at the home of St. George R. Fitzhugh, where he was welcomed by hundreds of the town folk, both white and colored.

Important Questions.

Good Health Necessary to Happiness—How to Obtain it.

Without exception health is the most essential condition to perfect happiness. A man cannot be happy when tortured by the aches and pains of rheumatism. He cannot work when his back is so lame and weak from kidney disorders that every movement means agony.

It is a fact that nine-tenths of all ill health can be traced to disorders of the kidneys and liver. These organs are the sewers of the body, and when they become clogged or defective in any way the result cannot be otherwise than disorders of the entire system.

The stomach is first affected, causing indigestion, dyspepsia, headaches and biliousness, then the heart from lack of nourishment and overwork, acts irregularly, palpitates, misses a beat now and then and the result is, an early death from heart failure, Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or else the patient is racked by the terrible and seemingly incurable tortures of rheumatism, lumbago and kindred ailments.

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Murder Suspected.

Ishpeming, Mich., May 26.—The body of an unknown man was found Thursday night three miles from Ishpeming on the road leading to Dexter mine. Indications point to a murder. The skull is fractured, face battered and clothing torn. The man was lame and blind in one eye.

Are Safe in Indiana.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 26.—Gov. Mount said Friday he had not changed his mind as to Taylor and Finley, and that they were safe so long as they chose to remain in this state.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by Lowe & Witherspoon, Druggists.

Grand Opening Ball.

The grand opening ball at Tatman's opera house, Eau Claire, Thursday, June 7. Music will be furnished by the Beckwith Memorial Orchestra. Dance bill \$2, spectators 50 cents. Supper 75 cents per couple. D. C. Tatman and W. C. Tatman, proprietors. 12:30 a.m.

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J. S. STEARNS has just received the endorsement of Governor Pingree, a fact which may help his chances less and harm them more. Mr. Stearns announces that if elected he will reside in Lansing, a point in his favor.

THREE Oaks sticks well to its text. First it secured a cannon and now it rejoices greatly over the fact that a 90-caliber onion patch has been planted on its border. The use of the cannon is to make people weep and the onion patch is a good substitute.

THE Memorial day sermon this year will be preached tomorrow afternoon at the First Methodist church by Rev. Dr. Cogshall. The sermon in honor of this day should be as faithfully attended as the address on the day of decorating the graves with flowers. Memorial day should bring with it a eulogy for the dead that is sacred.

EVERY week for some time past THE EVENING NEWS has received a copy of the Enterprise, published at Scottville, Mason county, a village near Ludington, the home of Secretary of State Stearns. This country weekly has taken it upon itself to defeat its neighbor for the nomination of governor. The policy of the paper is said by itself to be influenced because Stearns is spending too much money in the campaign. This is probably not the true reason. One would imagine from reading the Enterprise that Stearns refused to pay its price.

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HAMILTON AND ROBERTS JOIN FORCES

News Regarding Movement of the Boers Is Very Hard to Procure—Splendid Action by Hunter's Men.

London, May 26.—The latest intelligence from Lord Roberts' headquarters, at Vredfort station, filed Thursday, 5:45 p. m., was that the British were rapidly advancing. Gen. Hamilton had effected a junction with Lord Roberts. The country in front of them was clear of Boers to Viljoens drift. The Boers were evacuating all their positions south of the Vaal river, and 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably Gen. French's cavalry is already reconnoitering the fords of the Vaal. War office observers expect that the next dispatch from the field marshal will be dated in sight of the Transvaal frontier. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, wiring to the Daily Telegraph from Vredfort Thursday morning, said Lord Roberts would doubtless cross the Vaal river Saturday or Sunday. The British outposts were then at Erste Geluk, nine miles north of Vredfort and 26 miles south of the Vaal river. The railway is much damaged.

Boer News Scarce.
While the British in overwhelming force are thus rapidly approaching the Transvaal, the movements of the Boers are enveloped in mystery. The last Pretoria newspaper to reach Lourenzo Marques was a week old. Everyone seeking to cross the Portuguese border from the Transvaal is searched for newspapers and letters. Dispatches and mail letters containing even harmless references to the war are suppressed; the only news that has emerged from the Transvaal during the last ten days has come by word of mouth. According to these oral reports yesterday the Boers were quarreling among themselves. Transvaal paper money was circulating at 80 per cent. discount. Becket's firm was giving one pound in gold for five pounds in paper. Krouse and Klinkle, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schutte had been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been turned out.

Sweeping the Country.
The British are sweeping the country far and wide, seizing horses, cattle and grain. Friday President Steyn was reported to be at Bethlehem with a small field force, appealing to the Free Staters to defend their freedom and independence. Apparently he and all the Free Staters he can assemble will not join the Transvaalers, but will remain in the northeastern section of the Free State.

Ready to Surrender.
Gen. Rundle's division was still at Trommel Tuesday. There was a small Boer laager 12 miles to the north of him, and beyond this there was a larger one. The correspondent sending this news, which was wired from Winburg Friday, said that these Boers were understood to be ready to surrender and that in his opinion the war in the Free State was practically over.

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Men's black colt skin bicycle bals, cor-rugated sole, they formerly sold for \$2.25..... 1.50
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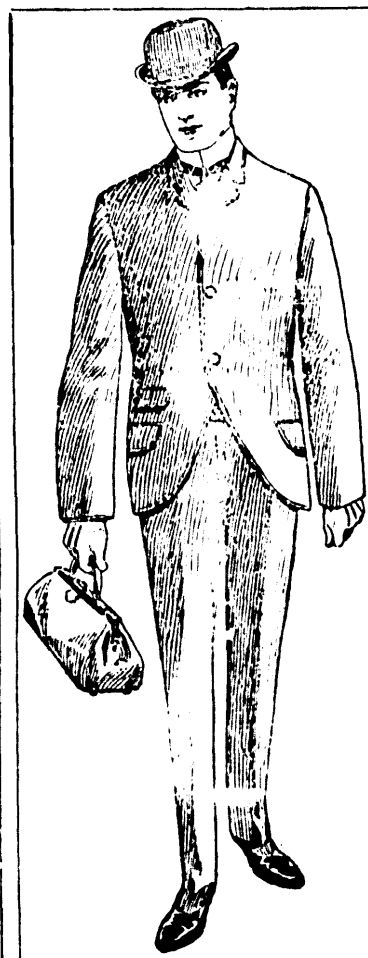


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May 25—High school commencement at the Bell.
May 27—\$1 excursion to Grand Rapids.
May 30—Memorial day.
June 12—Republican county convention at Niles. Will elect delegates to state nominating convention.
June 14—Republican congressional convention at Bell opera house.

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Harbor, on "The Possibilities in Bank Co-Operation."
NEXT Wednesday the high school and alumni baseball nines will play a game at the Eastman Spring park. The game will be called at 2 o'clock and before the game Dr. Watson and A. E. McAnley will run a race for the heavyweight championship of Benton Harbor and Clayton Niles and Clair Bastar will also run 100 yards.

THE CHURCHES
Subjects to Be Discussed From City Pulpits Tomorrow.
HOLY TRINITY.—Rev. Frederic Welham, pastor, Pipestone street, near Maple. Telephone 248. Twin City company. Sunday services: 10:30 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon. 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Week days. Celebration of the Holy Communion on Sunday days at 9:30 a. m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Corner Pipestone and Church streets, Rev. C. E. Maxwell, pastor. Residence 101 Broadway. Preaching at 10:30. Rev. M. C. MacNaul of Chicago will occupy the pulpit in the morning. No evening service.
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.—Rev. A. K. Beem, pastor, residence 181 Lake avenue. Preaching at 10:30. Morning subject, "The Welcome Child," the use of social purity lectures. The W. C. T. U. will attend the service in a body. The Y. P. C. U. will meet at 6:30. Miss Jess Hoves of St. Joseph will lead the meeting. Subject, memorial Sunday. "Loyalty to Our Country."

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. I. Corshall, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Pulpit services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior league at 3:00 p. m. Epworth league at 4:15 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will preach the annual memorial sermon before the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. On account of this afternoon meeting there will be no evening service tomorrow.
ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Rev. Fr. Mulcahy, pastor. Services tomorrow at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers at 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. E. J. Hoffman, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 9:15. Young people's meeting at 6:30.
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. W. J. Cady, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30. Rev. W. H. Warren of Lansing will preach morning and evening.
Y. M. C. A.—Rev. James Hamilton of the M. E. church of St. Joseph, will address the men's meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A. M. E. CHURCH.—J. W. Saunders, pastor. Preaching at 10:30. Subject, "The Inquiring Greeks." 7:30 p. m. subject, "Canalard Spiritual mind contrasted." The rite of baptism will be administered after morning service. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. W. Taylor, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. All members are requested to attend, as delegates to the district annual missionary convention will be chosen. The convention will be held at Buchanan June 4-6. There will be no preaching at night.

BASEBALL.
Position Occupied by the Clubs in the Struggle for Championship Honors—Recent Games.

The standing of the clubs of the leading baseball organizations is shown by the following tables: National league.

Clubs	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Philadelphia	17	9	.657
Brooklyn	17	11	.607
Chicago	16	13	.556
Cleveland	15	13	.538
St. Louis	14	14	.500
Pittsburgh	14	14	.500
Cincinnati	12	14	.462
New York	8	17	.320
Boston	7	18	.289

American league:
Indianapolis 17 8 .680
Milwaukee 16 12 .571
Chicago 17 13 .567
Cleveland 13 14 .481
St. Paul 11 16 .407
Kansas City 11 17 .393
Buffalo 11 17 .393
Detroit 11 17 .393

National league games on Friday: At Chicago—Brooklyn, 12, 4, 1; Chicago, 3, 8, 4. At Pittsburgh—New York, 4, 9, 2; Pittsburgh, 3, 6, 9. At St. Louis—Philadelphia, 3, 6, 8. At St. Louis—Cincinnati, 2, 6, 3. At Cincinnati—Cleveland, 1, 7, 9. At Cincinnati—American league. At Buffalo—Kansas City, 4, 15, 1; Buffalo, 1, 10, 7. At Cleveland—Chicago, 3, 11, 3; Cleveland, 4, 7, 4. At Detroit—Detroit, 5, 6, 1; Milwaukee, 2, 7, 3. Interstate league: At Youngstown, 9, 1, 1. At Mansfield—Mansfield, 8, 10, 6; Columbus, 5, 7, 2. At New Castle—Wheeling, 7, 11, 5; New Castle, 6, 9, 1. At Fort Wayne—Dayton, 11, 14, 2; Fort Wayne, 6, 11, 4.

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BITS OF INFORMATION.
Brig. Gen. Young makes report of cavalry
operations in Luzon in latter part of 1899.
Cecil Rhodes sent an American engineer
to investigate gold fields in German Africa.
The Swiss referendum defeated a com-
pulsory accident insurance law by 170,000
votes.
An effort will be made in the French
chamber of deputies on Monday to reopen
Dreyfus case.
The military academy bill has been
amended to promote Miles and Corbin, and
is likely to pass.
It is probable the senate will adopt the
house resolution fixing June 6 as the date
of congress' adjournment.
Senator Hanna says statements that he
intends to resign chairmanship of republic-
an national committee are unauthorized.
Ambassador Choate presented Lipton
with loving cup from American friends.
Lipton will contest again for America cup.
The initial performance of the Passion
play at Ober-Ammergau was witnessed by
an enormous crowd, including many Ameri-
cans.
The Boer delegates plan to visit all the
large cities of the country as far west as
Kansas City, and may possibly go on as far
as San Francisco.
Serious stagnation in building operations
due to high prices for steel and iron prod-
ucts. Steel stocks shrink \$12,000,000 in value
since January 1; greatest decline followed
Gates' action.
Germany's ill effects on American men-
tales caused no ill effects at the Chicago stock
yards, the prices of products rising. Pack-
ers say the exports to Germany have been
falling off for years.
Funeral Strictly Private.
Denver, Col., May 25.—The funeral
of the late Nathaniel P. Hill, former
United States senator from Colorado,
who died on Tuesday, was held Thurs-
day afternoon at the family residence
and was strictly private, only members
of the family and very intimate friends
of the deceased being present.

To Attend Army Reunion.
Washington, May 25.—The president
members of his cabinet, Gen. Miles and
Adj. Gen. Corbin will attend the re-
union of the Society of the Army of
the Potomac at Fredericksburg, Va.,
Friday. The party will leave here in
a special car Friday morning and will
return to the city in the evening.

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Rioters in St. Louis Continue Their
Demonstrations.
ANOTHER MAN WOUNDED BY BULLET.
Dynamite Exploded Under a Street
Car—Nobody Injured—Not
Enough Cars Running to
Carry the People.

St. Louis, May 26.—Sympathizers of
the striking street car men were again
the medium of a riotous demonstra-
tion Friday, and as a result another
name was added to the long list of
wounded. In the afternoon, as a car
on the Jefferson avenue line, running
south, approached Sullivan avenue, it
was attacked by a crowd of men and
boys. Several shots were fired at the
car. The policemen on board the car
returned the fire, and in a. about 100
shots were exchanged. Peter Wells, a
patrolman, who was riding on the left
platform, was hit in the left
armpit, the bullet producing an ugly
wound. Wells remained on the car
until it reached the Ninth district po-
lice station. He was taken to the Col-
lege of Physicians and Surgeons, where
his wound was dressed. It is not
known who fired the shot, as the
crowd scattered as soon as the men
on the car drew their revolvers. It
was rumored that two men in the
crowd were shot, but they could not
be found by the police. A riot call
was sent to the Fifth district police
station, but when the police arrived
the crowd had dispersed.

Twenty-two lines of the St. Louis
Transit company are in operation, but
not enough cars are being run to ac-
commodate the thousands who still
have to depend on buses, wagons and
wheels or walk to work.
Used Dynamite.
At six a. m. an attempt was made by
somebody unknown to blow up a car
on the Spaulding avenue line of the St.
Louis Transit company. The wheels
of the first car out struck something
that exploded with a loud noise and
lifted the car two or three feet into
the air. While the explosion startled
residents for blocks around the vicini-
ty, no damage was done and nobody
was injured.

Continued the Case.
The injunction proceedings insti-
tuted by the federal authorities a week
ago against W. D. Mahon, president of
the International Association of Amalg-
amated Street Railway Employees, and
others, were continued in the United
States circuit court Friday to June 6.

BEST IN ITS HISTORY.
American Baptist Publication So-
cety Makes Report on Work
of the Past Year.
Detroit, Mich., May 26.—Friday's
sessions of the Baptist missionary an-
niversaries were devoted wholly to the
American Baptist Publication society.
The principal features of the morning
session were the seventy-fifth annual
reports of officers and of the board
having charge of Baptist publication
affairs. The latter report said that in
many respects the past year has been
one of the best in the history of the
society. The aggregate of sales for
the year is \$672,617, showing an in-
crease of \$29,211 over sales of the pre-
ceding year. In the missionary de-
partment the receipts were \$103,418.
The deficit in this department at the
beginning of the year was \$3,174. At
the close of the year it was \$11,900.
This increase in the deficit is not due
to a diminution of ordinary receipts,
which were greater this year than last
by \$8,343, but to enlargements in the
work and to a falling off of legacies
and special funds.

The society has in the home field a
total of 66 colporteur missionaries, 34
Sunday school missionaries, 3 district
and Bible secretaries and 6 chapel cars
in service. The total receipts of the
society for the year ending March 31
were \$738,025; payments and credits,
\$758,248. The assets are \$1,504,216; li-
abilities, \$651,913.

MARQUETTE'S MEMORY.
It is to be Honored by Erection of a
Statue of the Great Explorer on
Island of Mackinac.
Chicago, May 26.—Officers and trust-
ees of the Marquette Monument asso-
ciation had their first meeting in Chi-
cago Friday, coming from all over the
northwest. Among them were Frank-
lin MacVegh, president of the asso-
ciation, ex-Gov. Peck, of Milwaukee;
Peter White, of Marquette; Mayor
Maybury, of Detroit; Archbishop Ire-
land, Bishop Davies, of Michigan, and
Edward O. Brown, of Chicago, the lat-
ter being the secretary. The associa-
tion has been incorporated under the
laws of Michigan, its object being to
build a fitting national memorial to
Father Marquette, the great mission-
ary priest and explorer. The island
of Mackinac has been selected as the
most appropriate place, and the Mich-
igan park commission has dedicated a
magnificent site for the monument.
The meeting Friday was well attend-
ed and enthusiastic. The work of
raising by subscription the necessary
funds for the erection is to be im-
mediately entered upon. It is estimated
that the statue will cost \$25,000.

Forest Fires.
Menominee, Mich., May 26.—Forest
fires are raging in Ingallito township,
this county. Seven sections of land
owned by James B. Goodman & Co., of
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the flames are still spreading. The
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THE MARKETS.
Grain, Provisions, Etc.
Chicago, May 25.
FLOUR—Quiet and steady.
CORN—Easy. Cash, 37½¢@37¾¢. May,
38½¢. July, 37½¢ and 37¾¢@37¢. Septem-
ber, 37½¢@38¢.
RYE—Steady. No. 2 cash in store at
55½¢@56¢. May sold at 55½¢ and July at
55½¢@56¢.
BARLEY—Steady. Feed quotably 36¢
@36½¢. Fair to choice lots, 38¢@41¢.
MESS PORK—Offerings were fair and
demand moderate. Feeling easy and prices
lower. Prices quotable at \$11.40@11.45 for
regular cash, and \$10.35@10.40 for re-packed
old, \$11.56@11.57 for May and \$11.40@11.47
for July.
LARD—Demand moderate, and offerings
were fair. Feeling easier. Prices quotable at
\$6.90@6.92½ for regular, \$6.80@6.85 for
choice old, \$6.87½@6.90 for May, \$6.92½@
6.97½ for July, and \$6.90@6.95 for September.
SHORT RIB SLIMS—Offerings fair and
demand moderate. Feeling easier. Prices
quotable at \$6.40@6.52½ for cash, according to
weight, \$6.50@6.52½ for May, \$6.55@6.57½
for July, and \$6.52½@6.57½ for September.
POTATOES—Market strong and higher.
Barbans, 35¢@36¢; Rurals, 36¢@38¢; Hebrons,
and Kings, 32¢@35¢; mixed, 32¢@36¢. New Po-
tatoes, Triumphs, choice, per bbl., \$3.00@
3.25. Peckers, \$2.00@2.75.
EGGS—Steady. Loss off, cases returned,
quotably, 11½¢; firsts, new cases included,
quotably, 12¢.
BUTTER—Market quotably steady.
Creameries, extra, 19¢@19½¢ per pound;
firsts, 17½¢@18½¢; seconds, 15¢@16¢; dairies,
14¢@16¢; imitation creameries, 14¢@15¢.
LIVE POULTRY—Rule weaker. Tur-
keys, 6¢; chickens, 8¢@8½¢; ducks, 6½¢@7¢
per pound; geese, \$3.00@4.00.

New York, May 25.
FLOUR—Fair demand for spring clears
and patents, but only a slow trade in winter
wheats.
WHEAT—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 77½¢; op-
tions closed steady at 74½¢ net decline;
May, 71½¢@71 9-16c, closed 71½¢; July, 72½¢
@72 11-16c, closed 72½¢; September, 73½¢
@73 7-8c, closed 73½¢.
CORN—Spot easy; No. 2, 42½¢; options
closed steady at 41½¢ net decline; May,
41½¢@41 5-8c, closed 41½¢; July, 42½¢@42 1-2c,
closed 42½¢; September, 43½¢@44 1-2c, closed
43½¢.
OATS—Spot quiet; No. 2, 27¢; No. 3, 26½¢;
No. 2 white, 28¼¢@28 1-2c; No. 3 white, 26¢;
track mixed western, 27¢@28¢; track white,
28¢@29¢; options dull and easier.
BUTTER—Firm. Western creamery, 16½¢
@20½¢; factory, 14¢@16¢.
CHEESE—Irregular. Fancy large white,
9½¢@9¾¢; fancy large colored, 9½¢@9¾¢;
fancy small white, 8½¢@9¢; do. colored,
8½¢@9¢.
EGGS—Firm. Western, loss off, 13½¢@14¢;
southern, at mark, 10½¢@12¢.

Live Stock.
Chicago, May 25.
HOGS—Market active and feeling strong.
Prices shade higher. Sales ranged at \$12.25
@12.50 for Pigs, \$10.60@10.70 for light, \$10.65@
10.75 for rough packing, \$10.65@10.75 for mixed,
and \$12.25@12.35 for heavy packing and ship-
ping lots.
CATTLE—Market fairly active.
Feeling steady and prices unchanged. Quota-
tions ranged at \$5.45@5.50 for choice to
extra Steers, \$4.95@5.40 for good to choice
do., \$4.70@5.00 for fair to good do., \$4.25@4.70
for common to medium do., \$4.20@4.45 for
butchers' Steers, \$4.00@5.00 for feeding Steers, \$2.50
@4.00 for Cows, \$3.00@5.00 for Heifers, \$2.50
@4.25 for Bulls and Oxen, \$4.00@4.50 for
Stags, \$4.00@5.00 for Texas Steers, and \$4.50
@6.75 for Veal Calves.
SHEEP—Market fairly active and prices
steady. Quotations ranged at \$1.50@1.60 for
westerns, \$1.75@1.70 for natives, \$1.60@1.75
for western lambs, and \$5.35@5.35 for native
lambs.

A Splendid Gift.
New York, May 26.—At a meeting
of the trustees of the Protestant
Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the
Divine it was announced that a gift
of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 had
been made by August Belmont to
build one of the seven chapels that
will go to make up the cathedral. Mr.
Belmont's gift is in memory of his
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The Sturgis Wager

A DETECTIVE STORY

BY EDGAR MORETTE

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CHAPTER XI.

A RECONSTRUCTED DRAMA.

As he spoke, Sturgis handed Dunlap the sheet of paper upon which he had traced a plan of the Knickerbocker bank.

"From this point on," he continued, "I have indicated the various trails on the diagram. The dotted lines represent Arbogast's footprints; the continuous lines show Chatham's trail."

"How can you distinguish between the two?" inquired Dunlap.

"There is no difficulty about that," replied Sturgis. "The differences are very marked. I know Arbogast's foot because I have seen it; and I know that the other one is Chatham's because you recognized the man from the description I gave of him."

"Yes, I know. But how could you describe him so accurately when you have never seen him?"

"I shall come to that presently," said Sturgis, smiling; "you must let me tell my story in my own way, if I am to tell it connectedly."

"Very well," said the banker, resignedly. "Hold on, though," he exclaimed; "you speak of two sets of trails; but what is this third set of lines, marked by alternate dots and dashes?"

"They represent the traces of a third individual, who will appear upon the scene later on. He has not yet received his cue. But, since you mention him, we may put him down in the cast as 'X,' the unknown quantity of the problem; for I do not yet know his name. Now, then; let me see. Where was I? Your interruption has made me lose the thread. Oh, yes; the men were in this room. Arbogast, nervous and excited, paced back and forth, like a caged animal. Chatham was more collected. It was warm in the bank, as compared with the intense cold outside; he removed his overcoat and threw it over the back of that chair in the corner. This fact is shown by the direction of the footsteps toward the chair, and by a mark directly below the arm of the chair where the garment trailed upon the wet floor. Chatham's carelessness was fraught with serious consequences; for, as luck would have it, there was, in one of the pockets of his coat, an important letter, which slipped out and fell upon the floor superscription upmost. Here is the envelope itself, which I have pieced together. You will see that it is soiled only upon the back, and here near the chair is the faint oblong mark which is left upon the floor. Chatham went to the telephone in the cashier's office. He probably did not see the letter fall. It caught Arbogast's eye, however; and you can imagine his surprise when he saw that it was addressed to his wife. What had his accomplice written to his wife? Arbogast evidently was not restrained by any feelings of delicacy in the matter, or else he was already suspicious of Chatham; for he picked up the envelope, tore it open and read the letter which lies before you, as I have pieced it together. It makes interesting reading. I do not wonder that Arbogast lost his head when he saw it. Read it for yourself."

"Why," exclaimed Dunlap, after reading the letter, "this announces his intention of committing suicide."

"Precisely; and yet Arbogast did not commit suicide; probably never had any intention of doing so; and, at any rate, did not write that letter. You will observe that it is not signed; the name is typewritten, like the rest of the letter, which, moreover, was not written here, as the superscription would seem to indicate. I have tried your typewriter, and although it is of the same make as the one upon which this letter was written, there are several characteristic differences in the alignment and in the imperfections of the type."

"Besides," continued Sturgis, thoughtfully, "the letter itself bears evidence, on its face, that it could not have been written by Arbogast. Your bookkeeper was of a weak, nervous, excitable temperament, as all his actions plainly show. Before such a man is brought to the point of taking his own life, he must have passed through a more or less protracted period of agonizing nervous tension, of which you and I can hardly form any adequate conception. Under the circumstances, if he loved his wife, conscious that by his guilt he was about to plunge her into the depths of grief and shame, he might have written her an incoherent and hysterical letter, or a tender and repentant letter, but never this frigid, matter-of-fact statement of a supreme decision. This letter is the work of a cold and calculating nature, incapable of ordinary human feeling. The man who wrote it would not have written to his wife at all, or would have written only to serve some selfish purpose. From what I know of Arbogast, I do not believe he was capable of composing these lines."

"You think, then, that the letter was written by Chatham," said Dunlap. "But what object could Chatham have for writing such a letter?"

"No," answered Sturgis. "I do not think that Chatham wrote this letter."

That is the curious part of it. I cannot believe that if Chatham had been aware of the important nature of its contents, he could have been willing to leave it for an instant within Arbogast's reach."

"But who, then, could have been its author, and why should he have entrusted the letter to Chatham?"

"To your second question, my answer is, probably because he wanted it mailed from the main post office at about the time that Arbogast would leave the bank. To the first, I cannot yet give any positive answer, although, as you will presently see, there are some clues pointing to our unknown quantity 'X' as the author of this letter. But let us not anticipate. Suppose we return to our drama. When Arbogast read this letter, he evidently thought, as I do, that somebody was playing him false; that he was to be gotten rid of in some safer way than exile; in short, that, as somebody said of one of the Turkish sultans, he was to be 'suicided.' He must have had strong reasons to suspect Chatham of treachery; for he at once impulsively jumped to the conclusion that his only chance of safety lay in striking before he could be struck. At any rate, while the accountant was busy at the telephone, Arbogast stood near this desk, mechanically tearing to pieces this letter, while he planned the accountant's death. He had taken with him your revolver. As the thought of it flashed upon his mind, his resolution was instantly taken. He stealthily crept to the paying teller's wicket. Through it he could see the telephone closet, the door of which stood open. Chatham was in direct range, as Arbogast raised the pistol, and, without a word of warning, fired. The accountant held the receiver of the telephone to his ear. This saved his life; for the bullet entered his left hand and remained embedded in his flesh. When the bullet struck him, Chatham fell forward, striking his head against a corner of the telephone box, and inflicting a slight scalp wound. I found a few hairs of an intensely red hue, which are evidently his. I also found shreds of his clothing which caught on a projecting nail as he fell; and I infer from these his taste for loud dress. He recovered himself before Arbogast was ready to fire a second time and ran into the clerk's room, probably hoping to make his way to the street through the Exchange Place door. But at the same time, Arbogast rushed through the reception room and this office, reaching the vestibule in time to head off Chatham, who then turned back and ran through the secretary's room, with Arbogast in pursuit. In the meantime 'X,' to whom I have already alluded, was waiting in Exchange place, where Chatham had a cab. Upon hearing the pistol shot he went to the accountant's assistance. He passed into this office, which he probably reached in time to see Chatham rush in from the secretary's room, closely followed by Arbogast. 'X' seized that chair over there in the corner and sprang between the hunted man and his pursuer as the latter raised his arm to fire. Our anonymous friend is probably a man of great strength; for with one blow of the chair he broke the bookkeeper's wrist. The hammer fell, but the weapon was deflected and the bullet, instead of reaching its intended victim, passed through the upper lobe of Arbogast's left lung and out at the back at an angle of about 60 degrees. The bookkeeper was standing not far from the mantelpiece yonder. Do you see that broad black line on the hearth? That was made by the bullet. Its direction and the angle enabled me at once to see that it must have ricocheted into the fireplace; and there, sure enough, I found it in the soot in the bend of the chimney. Here it is."

Dunlap had listened to this narrative with evident interest. But now, recovering from the spell of Sturgis' persuasive conviction, his skepticism regarding the ascendancy for a moment.

"Mr. Sturgis, you have missed your vocation," he said, laughing good naturedly; "you ought to have been a playwright. You have a most convincing way of presenting both your facts and your theories. While you are speaking, one is ready to admit the plausibility of every statement you make. But now that you have finished, I have become a hard-headed banker once more, and I beg to submit one or two facts—since we are seeking facts—which it seems to me are enough to demolish all your elaborate structure."

"Go on," said Sturgis; "it goes without saying that any theory is worthless unless it takes into account and explains every existing fact. If there are any in this case which have escaped me—a contingency which is quite possible, for I have no pretension to infallibility—I shall be glad to hear about them; and, naturally, if my conclusions do not tally with the facts, the conclusions must be altered, since facts are absolute."

"Well, then," said Dunlap, "assuming, for the sake of the argument,



HE BROKE THE BOOKKEEPER'S WRIST WITH ONE BLOW.

that these various marks which you have called trails were made by the feet of three different people; admitting even that one of these individuals was Arbogast, who often stays here after banking hours, I do not see that you have established by any satisfactory evidence your assumption that the other so-called trails are those of Chatham and a stranger. For aught I know to the contrary, they may have been made by some of the bank employees in the discharge of their regular duties. Chatham's coat may have caught on a nail in the telephone closet last week, while he was here in his legitimate capacity of expert accountant. The change of the combination of the safe may be the result of an error; for we have no direct proof whatever that Arbogast is a defaulter. And, then, when it comes to your interesting description of the alleged shooting of Arbogast, it strikes me that you are entirely carried away by your enthusiasm; for, in your minute description of the path of the bullet, at a certain angle, of which you seem to know the measure almost to the fraction of a second, you overlook several important things. Two shots were fired yesterday in or near the Knickerbocker bank. In, say you, because here is a revolver with two empty cartridge shells; here is a black mark, which may have been produced by the ricochet of a bullet, and here is a shapeless piece of lead, which may be that bullet. As, however, one bullet cannot account for two shots, you are forced at once to assume that Chatham has carried away the second one in the palm of his hand. This is ingenious, very ingenious, but—

"His blood is on the telephone receiver," observed Sturgis, quietly.

"Blood!" exclaimed Dunlap; "why, with the carnage that you have imagined here, there should be oceans of blood. Here is a man, running around with a wounded hand, who leaves a few drops of blood on the telephone receiver, and nowhere else. And here is another man, shot through the lungs—excuse me, through the upper lobe of the left lung—who does not bleed at all. And where is he now? Such a wound as you have given him must, I take it, be fatal, or, at any rate, serious. Yet here is a dead or, at least, a dying man, calmly walking off as if—as if the curtain had fallen at the end of your drama, and the corpse had hurried off to his dressing-room."

"You have forgotten something else," suggested the reporter, smiling.

Dunlap looked at him questioningly. "Yes; you have forgotten the pistol replaced in the drawer after Arbogast was shot, and the doors of the bank carefully locked."

"True. No, my dear sir; your elaborate theory will not bear an instant's calm examination."

"And yet," rejoined Sturgis, "my conclusions, as far as they go, are absolutely correct. Every objection which you raise is plausible enough when considered by itself; but we have not to deal with a lot of isolated facts, each of which depends upon and supports all the others. Let me finish my story, and I think you will then be prepared to admit that what seems to you now a flight of fancy on my part, is nothing but a sober exposition of plain, unvarnished facts."

Dunlap, with a deprecating gesture, settled back into his chair once more.

"We left Arbogast shot through the left lung—fatally wounded, as you have just remarked. He probably fell like a log; while Chatham, weak from shock, leaned against the door jamb yonder. He had probably stanching his wound with his free hand as he ran; I have been unable to find any trace of blood between the telephone and this spot. On the door jamb, however, the blood left a stain which has not been completely wiped out and which enabled me to judge of Chatham's height. 'X' was the only one of the trio who knew what he was about at this time. I have a genuine admiration for 'X'; he must be a man of marvelous nerve. Instead of flying panic-stricken from the scene, as any ordinary criminal would have done, he calmly proceeded to protect his retreat and to systematically cover his trail. His first step was to lock the Wall street gate and the inside door. Quinlan had doubtless pulled the outer door to as he ran away, so that 'X' probably thought this also locked. He then, with Chatham's assistance, helped Arbogast, who was not yet dead, and who perhaps by this time, had regained consciousness, into the cab which was waiting near by in Exchange place, where I found the blood stains on the curb, as you will remember. After starting off his two accomplices in the cab, he returned to

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the bank, put away the pistol in its proper place, which, by the way, he seems to have known, and washed up all or nearly all the blood stains. There is a sponge and bucket under the sink in the clerks' room, which were used in this operation. After, as he thought, completely obliterating all traces of the tragedy, he quietly walked off by the Exchange place entrance, locked the door and threw away the key. All this, while Policeman Flynn was chasing Quinlan. You will note that 'X,' knowing nothing of the Quinlan episode, was quite justified in believing that the shots had failed to attract any attention outside of the bank. Very likely he was disturbed by the return of the policeman and Quinlan; I cannot otherwise account for his having left the gas burning. Had he had the time, I feel confident that, with his customary thoroughness, he would have turned it out. As to my minute description of Arbogast's wounds, there is nothing remarkable in that. I know that the weapon used by 'X' was yonder chair, because I found particles of the bookkeeper's epidermis upon one of the legs, which was considerably lessened by the blow. But I know exactly what the wounds were, because I have examined them. I told you that I had seen Arbogast yesterday."

"What!" exclaimed Dunlap; "you mean after he was wounded?"

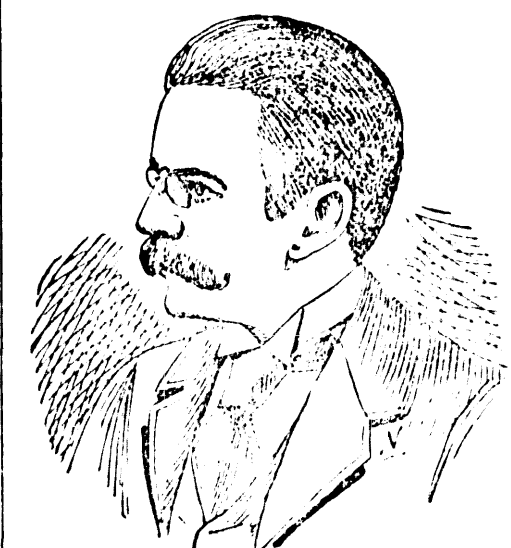
"Yes," replied Sturgis; "his body is at the morgue now. You might call there this afternoon to identify it, if you choose; but, everything considered, it might be as well not to make the identification public until we are well on the track of Chatham and our friend 'X.'"

(Continued.)

GEORGE B. CORTELYOU.

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George Bruce Cortelyou, of New York, has been appointed to the position of secretary to the president in the place of John Addison Porter, who has been compelled to resign owing



GEORGE B. CORTELYOU.
(Mr. Porter's Successor as Secretary to the President.)

to persistent ill health. Mr. Porter has not been a well man for more than a year, and although he retained his post, much of his work has been done by Mr. Cortelyou, who held the position of assistant. The new secretary is 38 years old and is a scion of one of the oldest and most prominent families of New York. He has held political places almost continuously since 1884. In that year he was in the appraiser's office in New York, and since 1889 was connected with the post office department. In 1893 he was made private stenographer to the president, and two years ago was given the place he now holds. He is a graduate of the Georgetown and Columbia law schools. Mr. Cortelyou will assume his new and important duties on May 1.

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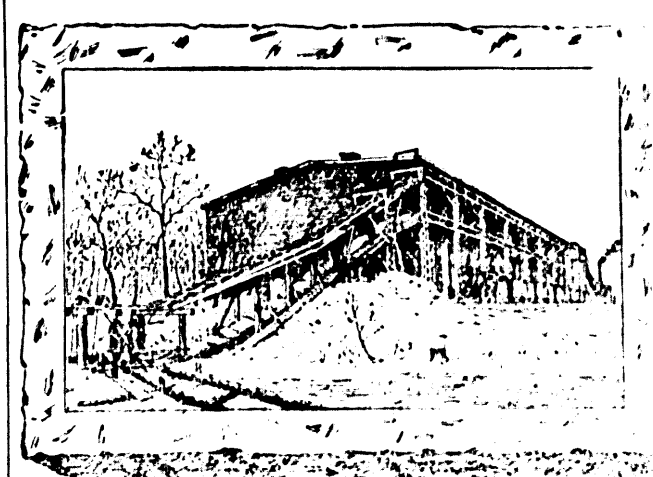
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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Miss Grace Geer is visiting friends in Chicago.

Dr. Bastar returned from Chicago last night.

Miss Alice Smith, of Bridgman, is in the city today.

Jesse Slater of Chicago is in the city visiting his father.

Mr. Smith, of the firm of Sprague, Smith & Co., of Chicago, is in the city.

Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus thinks of spending the summer near Benton Harbor.

Mrs. M. D. Lowry, of Elkhart, is in the city to spend Sunday with her son, Dr. T. A. Lowry.

C. C. Williams is steadily improving and there is every reason to hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Will Chapman and children are visiting relatives and friends at Shelbyville, Ind.

Milton Preston, one of the stockholders of the West Michigan nurseries, is in the city today.

Capt. J. H. Lee has returned from the general assembly of the Presbyterian church held at St. Louis.

Mr. Cooper of South Bend and George Stough of Elkhart, are in the city visiting Mr. Brown and family.

Will Haydon will spend Sunday in Grand Rapids. His wife, who has been visiting there, will return with him.

Miss Susie Kelley and Mrs. Mull have resigned their positions in the millinery department of the Enders & Young department store.

Dr. Herring and son Fred, go to Goshen, Indiana, today to visit Mrs. Herring who has just returned from the Battle Creek sanitarium.

Lew Cunningham has resigned his position with the Wolverine Sugar company to accept the position of assistant dock foreman for the Three-I company in St. Joseph.

Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus and Rev. E. A. Hoffman were once members of the same Congregational association in Ohio. Last evening Mr. Gunsaulus recognized his old friend after a separation of years.

Miss Etta Boughton has resigned her position with the Phoenix accident and sick benefit association to accept the position of bookkeeper for C. J. Peck & Co. Miss James, who has been with C. J. Peck & Co., has accepted a position with the Hopper-Morgan company. The change will be made June 15.

The Chautauqua alumni held the last meeting of the year with Mrs. C. K. Hendricks, Brunson avenue, yesterday afternoon. The program was short but the character sketches were exceptionally fine. The remainder of the afternoon was spent socially.

Miss Luckey, of New York, a friend of Mrs. Lord's, favored the club with two beautiful readings and Mrs. Reccor's banjo club furnished delightful music. The hostess then served an elaborate luncheon, which was a surprise to the ladies. The club parted with regret, feeling well satisfied with the year's work and looking forward to next year with pleasant anticipation.

The Ossoli club held the last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. H. D. Poole. The program was one of the most interesting and entertaining of the year, the following papers were read:

Gilbert Parker, his style and rank, Mrs. J. F. Harper.

Compare the three lovers of Gullida, Mrs. S. C. Sharpe.

Points of interest on Jersey Isle, Mrs. F. B. Christopher.

Discussion: Would love have made Gullida the woman sorrow and disappointment did?

The music for the afternoon was exceptionally fine, as follows: Violin solo, Miss Morehouse; piano solo, Miss Lucy VanHorn; vocal solo, Miss Edmunds.

Miss Mary Allen entertained several of her little friends yesterday afternoon in honor of her birthday. A nice supper was served for them and a general good time was enjoyed. Mary was the recipient of many lovely gifts.

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"And you, my dear Miss Erickson, at anything so dismal?" Mr. Browning replied.

The girl laughed and shook out the folds of her misty pink dancing skirt, with its ruffles and lace.

"I have just one dance left, a schottische. Shall it be for you?" she said.

"If you will so honor me. But as I can't dance anything but the waltz, I am going to ask you to come with me to that little alcove retreat over there, where we can talk and watch the figures."

For answer Mildred Erickson laid her gloved fingers on his arm and raised her brown eyes to his face as they walked away from the group of dancers now forming for the schottische.

The little alcove retreat was at one end of the long ballroom and was massed with cut flowers and ferns. Mildred threw her huge bouquet of bridesmaids' roses, her fan and lace handkerchief down beside her and took up two-thirds of the divan with her full skirts. Browning sank back luxuriously in the silken cushions at her side.

For Browning it was unexpected, yes, seemingly undesired bliss, to be permitted to sit out this dance with the fair creature at his side. He had lost track of the years in which he had worshipped her from afar, and he expected to continue the same thing indefinitely.

"Everyone seems to be here to-night," she said.

"Yes. Even I."

"There is Maud Jones, now, in that pale blue chiffon. Do you know she is to be married next week to Jack Marshall?"

"She? This is only her second season, isn't it?"

"Second! No, only her first." Mildred said, with a laugh and shrug of her plump white shoulders.

"Her first? You are more sensible, Miss Erickson. Why, this is your tenth season. Don't you remember I was at your coming out tea?"

"Yes, and you were old then—28; just my age now." She picked up her bouquet and buried her face in the fresh pink blossoms.

"And you were in white and carried pink roses, just like those, Mildred."

"But not so large a bunch," and she began pulling the flowers out and tearing off the petals, while Browning watched her color come and go.

"And I sent them."

"And you sent them."

Browning shifted his position slightly.

"I wonder what Marshall wants to marry that little Miss Jones for?" he said.

"As she is not an heiress, he probably thinks he loves her. I hope it does not worry you, Mr. Browning?"

"Me? Not at all. I suppose you've often wondered why I've never married."

Mildred's cheeks assumed the hue of her roses.

"Not at all. Rather, I should wonder if you did get married. I am so used to you single, you know."

"And I should wonder at it, too. I like women. They are beautiful creatures, to be admired, adored and idealized, but kept at a distance if man wants to retain his peace of mind. Don't you think so, Miss Erickson?"

"Can Mr. Browning be wrong?"

"Thank you. Now, suppose I had married when I was, say, 28. Ten years ago. I'd have a wife who never thought of me or my home, but always of her own personality and social engagements. My home would be no home at all, because I should expect things of her which she would never do."

Miss Erickson was unconsciously pulling the flowers to pieces and watching Mr. Browning with studied courtesy.

Browning continued: "As it is, I have my bachelor flat, in which I am king. My servants, whom no one ever interferes with. I go and come when I please, to the club, to the opera, to dinners or to Europe. My horses and carriages are mine, and no one ever complains of them. My house is solitude itself unless I wish to make it noisy. Don't you think I'm a sensible man?"

"It really had never occurred to me, Mr. Browning," Mildred said, laughing slightly.

"Of course you do, for you have followed my example and remained single."

"But not alone. There is mamma and papa and Joe and the girls, Mr. Browning. Oh, I should not care for solitude nor enjoyment alone."

"You are not so selfish."

"No."

"What?"

"No, Mr. Browning, I am not selfish. And you would be happier if you were not."

Browning looked at her in silent amazement. Then he said:

"I suppose I have given up a lot for my selfishness. It might be nice to have a wife always waiting for me and planning little surprises for my comfort and enjoyment, if she were sweet and nice and charming, like she would be before I married her. And to always have some one to take out with me whenever I—or rather she—care to go. And to entertain my friends as some women can do. And to see great tall boys and gentle girls—my children—growing up about me. But a man must have a lot of nerve to ask a woman to give herself to him alone."

"Not necessarily." Mildred's lips were parted in a smile.

"Her freedom, her childhood home, her name, all girlish pastimes, every bit of—"

Browning went on, answering his own question.

"She regards it all as a pleasant sacrifice, if she loves the man, Mr. Browning."

"And if she loves the man will she want to do all this if he asks her to?"

"Men are positive and women negative."

"So you advise me to marry?"

"I advise all men to marry."

"Then why are you single, Mildred?"

"Oh, I am a woman," and she laughed softly.

Browning watched the gay scene of the ballroom in silence a moment. Then he said:

"Mildred, shall I tell you why I never married?"

"Yes," she said.

"Because I never thought you would have me. You were so bright and gay, and ten years younger than I."

Mildred leaned forward until he felt her breath on his cheek. She spoke rapidly, for she saw Mr. Bixby coming to claim a waltz.

"Shall I tell you why I never married, Paul?"

"Yes."

"Because you never asked me."

"Mildred!"

Browning sprang forward from the silken cushions and caught her hand. But she withdrew it hurriedly, and with her face all wreathed in smiles she caught up her flowers and fan and lace handkerchief and said, as she walked away:

"Come to me to-morrow afternoon at three, Mr. Browning."

And a moment later Browning saw her floating through the steps of the waltz on the arm of George Bixby.—St. Louis Star.

BY ERNEST M'CAFFRY.

ONE Sunday the folks had started to church early, and John had stayed home to do "chores," in place of the hired man, who had been called away to see a sick brother in the little town of Chicken Bristles.

John felt lonesome enough, browsing around the house and looking out over the prairie. A wary chicken hawk sailed high above, but the whistling skurry of a change of buckshot had made him skeptical about the chances of forage in that vicinity.

John chopped a little wood and fed the mules before he sat down to his solitary dinner. The pigs were remembered, a quantity of hay chopped off of the west haystack and some corn "shucked" for piglet. As the boy looked over toward the Satterlee farm he saw a black speck on a hilltop that caught his eye immediately. "Bet that's Ferris," he said to himself. He went back to the haystack and climbed to a point of vantage to reconnoiter. Sure enough, it was his chum, and he slid to the ground in a burst of joy. In a few minutes Ferris came in on a smart "lope," and John let down the bars for him. Ferris' pony was soon stowed away in an empty stall, with a generous supply of "sluicgrass" to munch on, and then the boys began to study up some excitement.

Among the denizens of the prairies there were a number that had local names, and Ferris had listed them off to John during the days they were together. First, there was the badger, only occasionally seen. Long, heavy and sly. Then there was the pouched gopher, the greatest digger of them all, with pockets to carry his family in at a pinch. Then there were the little striped ground squirrels, as Ferris called them, and the prairie gray squirrel, about as big as a timber gray squirrel. All these animals lived in holes in the ground, and the ground squirrels and gray squirrels were in reality gophers. They were thick on the slopes surrounding the farm, and the pouched gophers were exceedingly destructive. Traps, poison, bullets and shot were freely distributed among them at different times by the boys, and Uncle Tom gave ten cents apiece for the big fellows.

The boys drifted out to the edge of the farm and crawled up on the haystack. Toward the river the grass lay in great sheets, waving and rising as the winds flew over. The sun shone and darkened as the cloud currents shifted, and the air glowed in the sun. At last, as they looked out toward the main road, John saw a little gray form sit up in some short grass, and he pointed it out to Ferris. "Gray squirrel," said the latter. "Got a hole there somewhere." "Let's down him out," suggested John. "All right," responded Ferris. The boys slid to the ground and ran out on the prairie. The prairie gray squirrel tucked his tail in and started for home. He scooted through the grass for a few yards and then dived into a hole on a little rise of ground and disappeared. After locating his retreat the boys lugged a big bucket of water over to the hole and poured it in. Then they waited for the squirrel to put in an appearance. They were armed with a stick apiece and were ready to demolish the object of their solicitude the instant he should put in an appearance. But the gray squirrel evidently did not object in the least to the proceeding.

While they were both engaged in sluicing the squirrel's abode with the second bucketful he suddenly popped out and rushed over to another hole before the pursuers could get their sticks and cut him off. The second hole was a good deal farther away than the first, and the boys were disgusted with his squirrelship. "Let's get the spades and dig him out," said Ferris. "That's what," said John; "we'll get him if we have to go through China for him." "You wait here till I get the spades," he continued, and he went over to the barn and came back with two narrow-bladed spades, such as they used to dig post-holes with on the farm. "Wish we knew just which way the hole run," said Ferris; "we could get right at him, then."

"Say," said John, "this may be a long job; I believe I'll go to the house and get some doughnuts and a pitcher of milk." "That's a good scheme," assented his chum, so John trailed off to the house and returned with a big pitcher of milk and about three dozen doughnuts.

After taking a generous drink of milk and bolting a couple of doughnuts apiece the boys grabbed the spades and started vigorously to work. The spades rose and fell and the dirt heaved assumed huge proportions. And still the subterranean labyrinth of the gray squirrel lengthened. Ferris finally said: "We could draw'd him out now with one bucketful." "No, we'll dig him out, now we've started," replied John, sticking his spade into the dirt with renewed determination. It seemed as though the fleeing animal must have struck an old channel or underground gallery, for all at once he appeared to have distanced his would-be captors. They dropped their spades and ran about, looking for a possible exit to the hole he had gone in, but there did not seem to be any, so they returned to their task.

They had taken their coats off, tied up their "galluses" and were perspiring freely. It was a point of honor now—"root hog or die." They must get that squirrel. The soil was sandy and the digging comparatively easy, but the earth would slip from the spades and they were not able to raise much out on the points of their implements. With two working, they threw up a great deal of soil, but they did not seem to be getting very much nearer to the squirrel. At last, however, by herculean efforts they were rewarded by coming across certain gray hairs, which hinted of the close proximity of the game. Thus encouraged, they redoubled their exertions. Finally John put his ear down close and heard the pounding of the squirrel's feet as he dug away to the right in a persistent attempt to get away. "We've got him!" he yelled, excitedly. "He's close by. I heard him digging." So again the boys bent to their work, and by and by John reached in and grabbed the squirrel by the back of his damp neck and hauled him out of the hole. The little animal was in a woe-begone plight. He had lost some of his "plumage" in his tremendous efforts to escape, and the water which the boys had poured into the first hole had drenched him so that he was muddy and sticky. He squirmed ineffectually as John drew him out and tried to bite, but in vain.

The boys were in very little better shape. Dirty, breathless, perspiring, with their backs almost broken by the steady toil they were almost defeated by the gray squirrel, after all. The squirrel was not much to brag on as game, anyway, and now that they had conquered, the question was, what of it? They had forgotten everything except "not to get beat," as they would have put it.

"What'll we do with him?" said John, somewhat apologetically, as he looked at his grimy chum. "He ain't much good," said Ferris, suggestively. "Oh, I reckon we'd better let him go," said John; and Ferris silently consenting, John dropped the animal, which skurried off into tall grass, probably the most astonished member of its tribe in the state.

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